1 THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C. Curtis C. Van de veld 2 Attorney At Law DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM Suite 215, 194 Hernan Cortes Avenue Hagåtña, Guam 96910 3 Office: (671) 472-2863 AUG 07 2002 Facsimile: (671) 472-2886 4 MARY L. M. MORAN Attorney for Plaintiff: GOLAM R. SARKER CLERK OF COURT 5 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DICTRICT COURT 8 9 DISTRICT OF GUAM 10 Civil Case No. CV 0 2 - 00 0 2 3 GOLAM R. SARKER, 11 Plaintiff, 12 VS. **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES with a DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 13 HYATT REGENCY GUAM, MIHIR ROUT, and DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, 14 15 Defendants. 16 17 COMES NOW Plaintiff, GOLAM R. SARKER, through and with his counsel. 18 THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C., Curtis C. Van de veld, Esq., to state and allege a 19 complaint for damages as follows: 20 21 JURISDICTION AND VENUE. A. 22 1. The United States District Court, District Court of Guam has 23 jurisdiction of the claims herein pursuant to 28 USC §§ 1331, 1337, and 1343(4), and 29 24 U.S.C. §§216(b), 626(b) and (c). This civil action arises under the Constitution and laws of 25 the United States. Plaintiff is alleging a violation of his rights under Title VII of the Civil GOLAM R. SARKER vs. HYATT REGENCY GUAM, MIHIR ROUT, and DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10. COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES with a DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL Civil Case No. CV Page 1

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Rights of 1964, as amended, 42 USC §§ 2000e et seq. and the AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT [29 USC §§621-634] for damages based on the unlawful employment practice committed by Defendant.

2. The United States District Court for the District Of Guam is the place for proper venue herein under 28 USC §1391(b) and 42 USC §2000e-5(f)(3). Defendant is a corporate resident of the State of New York, doing business therein, and also doing business in Guam and the alleged unlawful employment practices were committed within the Guam, in the District hereof.

B. PARTIES.

- 3. Plaintiff GOLAM R. SARKER is now, and at all times relevant to the actions complained of here has been, a resident of Guam, over the age of majority, of sound mind and not suffering any legal disability to bring suit.
- 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and hereby alleges upon such basis information and belief that Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Guam with its principal place of business in Guam and licensed to do business in Guam.
- 5. Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM is an employer within the meaning of that word as used in the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 6. Defendant MIHIR ROUT was at the time of the acts herein complained of by Plaintiff, the Assistant Director of Engineering for Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM and authorized to perform the acts herein complained about on behalf of Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM as its agent.

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7. Defendant DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, are believed by Plaintiff to be officers of Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM, who either conspired and participated in the decisions to act and the taking of the actions herein complained, so as to discriminate against Plaintiff and to cause Plaintiff to suffer damage or knowing that such actions were in violation of the Civil Rights Act because of the discrimination of such actions upon Plaintiff acquiesced to such actions of others when they had an affirmative obligation to stop and cure the wrongful actions against Plaintiff.

C. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

8. Following a letter Plaintiff mailed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (hereinafter "EEOC"), on or about March 23, 2002, Plaintiff

- Opportunity Commission (hereinafter "EEOC"), on or about March 23, 2002, Plaintiff prepared a Charge of Discrimination (hereinafter "Charge"), which he mailed to the EEOC to initiate his discrimination complaint against Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM satisfying the requirements of 42 USC §2000e-5(b) and (e). A true and correct copy of the Charge is attached hereto as "Exhibit 1," and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 9. The Charge was filed within one hundred eighty (180) days after the alleged unlawful employment practice occurred, about and between December 21, 2001 to December 26, 2001.
- 10. On or about May 8, 2002, the EEOC mailed to Plaintiff a document titled "Dismissal And Notice Of Rights" (hereinafter "Notice"), pertaining to the charge of discrimination referenced in paragraphs 8 and 9. A true and correct copy of the Notice received by Plaintiff is attached hereto as "Exhibit 2," and incorporated herein by this reference.

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The new work schedule required Plaintiff to work on Friday during the Weekly Prayer meeting that Plaintiff as a Muslim was required to attend.

- 19. Plaintiff complained to Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM through various of its managers and officers, Defendants DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, but the Defendants DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, failed to take any action to correct the situation of the failure to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff's religious beliefs.
- 20. Defendants DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, were the persons charged by Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM to have the authority to redress complaints of religious discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and despite the authority to remedy the discrimination against Plaintiff as reported by Plaintiff, Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM, through and with said Defendants DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, allowed the discriminatory actions to continue.
- 21. On December 21, 2001, Plaintiff attended Friday Prayer services during his lunch break.
- 22. Later in the afternoon of December 21, 2001, after Plaintiff returned from lunch break, certain of Defendants DOE OFFICERS 1 through 10, informed Plaintiff that he was ineligible to continue in his employment because he took off time to attend the weekly Muslim Prayer meeting terminating the employment of Plaintiff with Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM.
- 23. Throughout his employment by the Defendant HAYTT REGENCY GUAM, Plaintiff satisfied all applicable job duties, was qualified for the position which he held, and performed the job in a manner which fully met the Defendant HYATT REGENCY GUAM's legitimate expectations.

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1	G. Find all Defendants jointly and severally liable for Plaintiff's monetary
2	damages.
3	Respectfully submitted: this Wednesday, August 07, 2002.
4	THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C.
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6	Cyertis C. Vandevoll
7	Curtis Charles Van de veld, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff
8	GOLAM R. SARKER
9	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
10	The Plaintiff requests a jury trial of this action.
11	Respectfully submitted: this Wednesday, August 07, 2002.
12	THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C.
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14	Curtis Charles Van de veld, Esq.
15	Attorney for Plaintiff GOLAM R. SARKER
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17	VERIFICATION
18	GUAM, U.S.A.)) ss:
19	HAGÅTÑA)
20	I, the undersigned, GOLAM R. SARKER, being first duly sworn, depose and
21	say that I have read the foregoing statements contained within this Complaint and swear that
22	the statements herein made are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are
23	therein stated on my information or belief; and as to those matters I believe them to be true.
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	My Commission Expires: Feb. 25, 2006 P.O. Box 23498 Barrigada, Guam 96921
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Exhibit 1

CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION	AGENCY	CHARGE NUMBER
This form is affected by the Privacy Act of 1974; See Privacy Act Statement before completing this form.	FEPA EEOC	378-A2-00178
		and EEOC
State or local Agency, if any		
AME (Indicate Mr., Ms., Mrs.)	HOME TEL	EPHONE (Include Area Code)
Mr. Golam R. Sarker TREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE	(67	(1) 734-3771
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STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHO DISCRIMINATED AGAINST M NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, ME	E (If more	than one list below.) ELEPHONE(Include Area Code
Hyatt Regency Guam Cat C (201-500	1 .	(671) 647-1234
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Exhibit 2

EEOC Form 161 (10/96)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

To:Mr. Golam R. Sarker P.O. Box 26392 GMF Barrigada, GU 96921

From: United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 7-127 Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Charge No.	EEOC Representative	Telephone No.			
378-A2-00178	Glory Gervacio, Investigator	(808) 541-3120			
THE EEOC IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:					
[] The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of the statutes enforced by the EEOC.					
[]	[] Your allegations did not involve a disability that is covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.				
[]	[] The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statues.				
[]	We cannot investigate your charge because it was not filed within the time lim	it required by law.			
[]	[] Having been given 30 days in which to respond, you failed to provide information, failed to appear or be available for interviews/conferences, or otherwise failed to cooperate to the extent that it was not possible to resolve your charge.				
, # a []	While reasonable efforts were made to locate you, we were not able to do so.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
[]	You had 30 days to accept a reasonable settlement offer that afford full relief for	or the harm you alleged.			
[√]	The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.				
[]	The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment pract	ices agency that investigated this charge.			
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	- NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS - (See the additional information attached to this form.)			
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cc: Ms. Claire Garcia
Director of Human Resources
Hyatt Regency Guam
1155 Pale San Vitores Road
Tamuning, GU 96931

INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court <u>under Federal law.</u> If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS - Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice. Therefore, you should keep a record of this date. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed within 90 days of the date this Notice was mailed to you (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: backpay due for violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/96 to 12/1/96, you should file suit before 7/1/98 -- not 12/1/98 -- in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 1996. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA backpay recovery period.

ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION - Title VII and the ADA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do not relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC ASSISTANCE -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, please make your review request within 6 months of this Notice. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)

IF YOU FILE SUIT, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR COURT COMPLAINT TO THIS OFFICE.

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/s/ Walter M. Tenorio		
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